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FCC Mail Room

WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As you are well aware, AT&T and T-Mobile have proposed a merger that would greatly improve our nation's current broadband capabilities. If approved, this merger would extend high-speed wireless Internet access to nearly everyone in the country. With this kind of widespread mobile broadband capability, the communicative and educational possibilities are endless.

As the current president of Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted, Connecticut, I encourage you to examine the positive academic impact that this merger would have. Our students commute to and from school, and many of them have jobs, families, and other obligations in addition to their studies. For this reason, most of our students study and complete their assignments at home, away from our on-campus work centers and academic resources. Improved mobile broadband access would enhance and simplify the academic endeavors of all of our students, particularly those involved in distance learning programs. Our students lead very busy lives and many have significant responsibilities outside the classroom. The approval of this merger would bring wireless broadband access to an area with historically weak and unreliable Internet service. I believe the improvements to the academic and personal lives of my students, and others like them, merit your consideration when reviewing this transaction.

Sincerely,

Barbara Douglass, Ph.D.
President

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